

Growing together as children of God



At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

- ✓we want our pupils to **grow** in confidence, independence, resilience and knowledge, so that all achieve their full potential and develop a life-long love of learning and of the world around us.
- ✓we work **together** with families, community and church to model positive relationships, supporting each other and acknowledging that we are stronger when we work together.
- ✓we are growing together as **children of God**, strengthening our faith, secure in the knowledge we are unique, loved and cherished.

Dear Parents and Carers

This week in our worship, we have been focusing on the start of the season of Advent. The first candle on our Advent Wreath has been lit, and Mary and Joseph have started their Posada Journey around the whole school. The children have been challenged to think about what positive thing they will do as they wait to celebrate Christmas.

Rehearsals for our forthcoming Christmas events and performances are in full swing! We look forward to welcoming you to school, or to the church over the next 2 weeks.



The children in Nursery have been learning about **Advent** and how it is a special time to prepare for Christmas and for the birth of Jesus, who taught us to be kind and loving. We explored Advent wreaths and candles and worked together to create our own **class Advent wreath**. The class also collaborated beautifully to make our **class Christmas tree**.

Reminders

- **Trim Trail/Climbing Wall** – please do not allow your children to use these before or after school
- **Scooters/bikes** – these should not be used in the playground, but should be walked to and from the scooter shed.
- **Toys** – we have had a growing number of children bringing in toys from home. Unless this has been agreed by Mrs Moran, then no toys should be brought in to school.
- **Legami Pens** – if your child brings these pens into school, please ensure that they are all named. Children are not allowed to trade these pens at school. In most cases, it's probably best to leave special Legami pens at home!
- **Bluetac** – some children are bringing in bluetac from home (or taking it from posters in school). Children are not allowed to bring bluetac in to school. If your child needs a fidget tool to help them focus on their learning, then this can be arranged with the classteacher or Mrs Moran
- **Naming clothes** – our Lost Property box is getting full! Please remember to name all items of clothing, including coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

Does your work company donate laptops/devices to schools?

We have been made aware of some schools who have had laptops/devices donated by companies that their parents work for. Do contact me (headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) if you think your company has a similar scheme. Thank you so much.

Why not give the Nrich Advent Calendar a go this year!

Behind every number 1-24 is a problem designed to tap in to the children's Maths curiosity. Most of them work for all ages, but some specify KS1 or KS2 aged children - but what with weekends there is more than enough for you to fit in one each day in the run up to Christmas! Enjoy!

https://nrich.maths.org/advent-calendar-2025-primary?ml_recipient=172759257837471549&ml_link=172759238173525218&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=Wed+03+Dec+2025&utm_campaign=+Your+Maths+December+Newsletter+

Advent Calendar 2025 - Primary

Here are twenty-four problems, which we hope will tap into your mathematical curiosity. There is one for each day in December, during the run-up to Christmas.

After you've had a go at the day's problem, you can compare your approach to the solutions we have published, which are based on students' work.

We hope you enjoy working on them!



Forthcoming Christmas Events

Christmas Jumper day – Thursday 11th December

Once again, we will be taking part in Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11th December. Children may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper with their usual school uniform bottom half! For the privilege of wearing a Christmas jumper, children will be invited to donate to Save the Children Fund. Details of how to donate will be sent out via Parentmail next week.

Reception Nativity

Parents/carers of Reception children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity performance on Tuesday 9th December @ 9.15am (Owls' parents/carers), or Wednesday 10th December @ 9.15am (Robins' parents/carers). If you cannot attend on your class' particular day, just come to the other one. All of the children will be in both performances.

Year 1 Christmas Concert

Parents/Carers of Year 1 children are warmly invited to the Year 1 Christmas Concert on Thursday 11th December @ 9.15am.

Year 2 Christmas Performance

Parents/carers of Year 2 children are warmly invited to watch their Christmas performance on Friday 12th December @ 9.15am. The school orchestra will also be performing during the Year 2 concert.

Nursery Christmas Performance

Parents/carers of our Nursery children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity on Tuesday 16th December. The morning performance will begin at 10.30am, and the afternoon performance at 2.30pm. Parents/carers of children who attend nursery full-time may come to either the morning or afternoon.

Carol Services – 16th/ 18th December, 6.30pm @ Holy Trinity Church (see further information below)

The children are busy preparing for their carol services. The Carol Service for **all** children in Year 3 and Year 5 takes places on **Tuesday 16th December**, with the Year 4 and Year 6 service being held on **Thursday 18th December**. Both services are held at Holy Trinity Church, and start at 6.30pm. Children should arrive by 6.15pm, and wear their school uniform.

Children in the choir will be participating in both services.

All children are expected to attend, as they will all be participating.

Retiring collections will be taken at the end of each of our Christmas events for local charities.

Christmas lunch

Caterlink, our catering company, will be cooking a delicious Christmas lunch (**for those who have pre-booked**) on **Wednesday 10th December** for children in Nursery (who stay for lunch), Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and **Thursday 11th December** for children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6. **Please note that on 10th December all children in KS2 will need to bring in a packed lunch, and children in Nursery, Reception and KS1 will need a packed lunch on 11th December.**

HOTS Update

Christmas Cheer and Carol Success!

Last Saturday HOTS hosted a festive evening of music, laughter, and community spirit. Thank you to everyone that joined us for the event. In total we raised approximately £1800! A special thank you to our amazing volunteers that made the night possible. We are also so grateful for our school choir kicking off the evening, Merton Concert Band for providing the wonderful entertainment, and donations from Beбето Sweet Shop, and Siegeris Dance. Congratulations to Ada (Y2) who won the Siegeris Dance Raffle!

Christmas Tree Sales: Collection Saturday December 6th:

HOTS is expecting our delivery window for tomorrow's collection by this evening. We requested a morning delivery. Once received we will email out the collection window to all those that pre-ordered. Unfortunately, we do not have extra trees available to purchase on the day. We appreciate your patience as we wait for confirmation from the delivery company. If there is anyone available to help unload trees, please feel free to email at hotsemail@gmail.com

Join Our PTA (HOTS) as Treasurer!

Do you have a talent for numbers, keeping a budget, and making a meaningful impact at our school? HOTS is looking for a dedicated **Treasurer** to help guide our charity efforts and support programs that enrich every student's experience. If you're keen or just want to talk more about what's involved, please get in touch via email hotsemail@gmail.com.

Save The Date: Preloved Uniform In-Person Sale

HOTS Preloved Uniform will be hosting an in-person sale **Friday, December 12th** after school on the playground. Stock up on your uniform needs before the winter break! **Contactless payment only!**

Preloved Uniform Request:

It's that time of year again when we ask for school uniform donations ahead of our in-person sale in December. Please drop any good-quality, resale-ready uniform items to the school office by **Wednesday 10 December**.

Pre-loved uniform guidelines:

- Only donate items that are clean, in good condition, and suitable for resale.
- Worn out, damaged or poor-quality items should go straight to clothing recycling bins, not the school.
- We cannot accept shoes of any kind.
- Grey items won't be sold but will be donated in bulk to partner charities.

Sticking to good-quality donations helps us manage the volume and keeps the shop genuinely useful for families. Thank you to everyone who continues to support through second-hand sales and donations; your contributions make a real difference in helping to raise valuable funds for the school, and promote eco-friendly practices.

hotspreloveduniforms@gmail.com

Year 3 and 4

Create either a Santa's Grotto scene or Santa's workshop scene on Tinker Card.

There are tutorials online to help you.

It should be a mixture of inserted shapes and items you have made yourself.

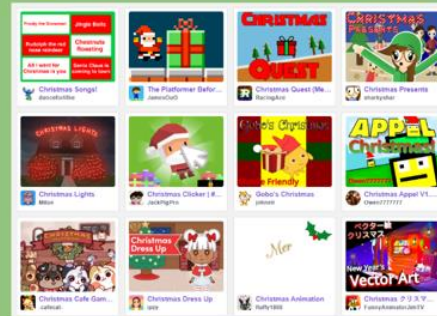


Are you entering the Christmas Computing Competitions?

Years 5 and Year 6

Create an interactive Christmas story using coding on Scratch.

There are ideas and examples on Scratch, but you must not edit these; your story must be completely your own.



EYFS and KS1

Design a Christmas themed Bee Bot costume.

It cannot just be a print out; you have to make it yourself.

You could make a costume for Santa Clause, an Angel, a donkey, a reindeer, an elf, a present, a turkey...

And anything else Christmassy!



Entries are due in by Friday 12th December. You can send them to Miss Thomas directly or we will get together Friday lunchtime and upload them together :) Good luck!



Online Safety thought of the Week


You told your friend your password and now they've used your account to send silly and mean messages to people in your school.

What should you do?



Merton Education Wellbeing Service is offering relaxed, lunchtime 1-2-3 Magic sessions for parents looking for support with their child's ADHD, starting on 15 January. They're perfect for parents of children in Years 1-4 who have recently been diagnosed with ADHD or who may be showing signs.

Find out more and sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/xvk2LbnkK0> - they also offer 1:1 sessions for supporting children with common behaviour challenges, fears and worries – find out more here: [Early Years & Primary Parent Application Form Merton Education Wellbeing Service – Fill out form](#)



Education Wellbeing Service

Supporting your child's ADHD – 123 Magic Parent Group

For parents with primary school aged children who have been recently diagnosed or where ADHD is suspected


- Parents of Primary school aged children, years 1-4.
- For parents with primary school aged children who have been recently diagnosed or where ADHD is strongly suspected
- Understanding the ADHD brain
- Parenting Strategies and Tools that can support your child's needs and reduce stress at home
- Options for support including sensory tools.
- Awareness of support available in your local area

When & Where?


- Five sessions online on Microsoft Teams (laptop/tablet recommended).
- Each session will last one hour. You would need to be able to attend all four sessions.
- Thursdays 12.00pm-1.00pm starting Thursday the 15th of January 2026
- Sign up before Wednesday the 17th of December

Scan the QR code or follow the link to view further details and to sign-up

Click here to [sign up](#)



Merton ADHD Primary Parents Online Group - Application Form



Parent Feeding Group for Children with Autism

Feeding challenges are common for children with autism, especially between ages 4 and 8. These can include strong food preferences, sensitivity to certain textures, sticking to only a few familiar foods, or needing mealtimes to follow a very specific routine. These patterns can affect nutrition and make family life such as mealtimes, social activities, and daily routines more stressful.

Many children also experience eating-related anxiety, which can lead to worry before meals, refusal, or meltdowns, making picky eating even harder to manage.

Who is the programme for?

Parents of children with a formal diagnosis of Autism between the ages of 4 and 8 years old.

The programme is designed to support parents in understanding the links between anxiety and feeding challenges and to provide practical tools to reduce stress around mealtimes. The study will involve group sessions, questionnaires and a focus group that will be formed at the end of the intervention to gather feedback about the benefits of the intervention.

How will the group run?

The group will run **in person** with a total of 8 sessions over 6 weeks. You will be committing to the following:

- 5 weekly sessions of 90 minutes.
- 1 session with your child of up to 45 minutes in clinic.
- 1 virtual feedback group session of 90 minutes.
- 1 in person group follow up session of 90 minutes.

How to sign up


If you would like to take part in an **in person** parent feeding group that will run for **6 consecutive weeks** on Monday Mornings from 10 am to 11:30 am, please scan the QR code, or click on the link below to complete the referral form.

Following referral parents will be sent a food diary electronically to have a better understanding of your child's food repertoire. Parents will then be booked in for an initial assessment session to discuss current concerns.

Where: DBT Clinic, Birches Close, Mitcham, CR4 4LQ
6 Mondays from 12/01/2026 10-11:30am
Free onsite parking available

<https://forms.office.com/e/1x1xjgpt-Ak1>

SIGN UP!




Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Building Strong Bonds: How to build Healthy and Secure Attachment/Relationships with Children


Join us for an insightful workshop designed for parents and carers, where we will explore the Circle of Security model, a proven approach to fostering secure and healthy attachments with children.

This session will guide you through the fundamental principles of the model, helping you understand your child's emotional needs and how to respond in ways that build trust and security.

You will learn strategies to enhance your caregiving skills, promoting a strong, supportive bond that nurtures your child's development and well-being.




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DATE / TIME

Monday 8th December
1.00-2.00pm



Scan the
QR code
or
[click here](#)

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code.


You can also check out our other events by [clicking here](#)


wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

DATE / TIME

Thursday 11th December
7.00-8.00pm

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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar


Understanding and Supporting Your Child's Sleep

The topic of sleep comes up a lot during our discussions with parents and carers and it's something that can impact the whole family.

During this webinar we'll look at why sleep is so important for our children, how to create the right environment and routine to aid high quality sleep, the importance of independent settling, and some common sleep challenges for families.

DATE / TIME

Tuesday 9th December
1.00-2.00pm



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Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Last day Friday 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026

First day: Monday 5 January 2026 (INSET Monday 5th January)

Children start back Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half term: Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February 2026

Last day: Friday 27 March 2026

Summer Term 2026

First day: Monday 13 April 2026

Half term: Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026 (INSET Monday 1st June)

Children start back after half term Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Last day: Monday 20 July 2026 (INSET Monday 20th July)

Children break up Friday 17th July 2026

Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

- First day: Tuesday 1 September 2026
(INSET Days Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September)
Children start back Thursday 3 September 2026
- Last day Friday 18 December 2026
- Half term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026

Spring Term 2027

- First day: Monday 4 January 2027
(INSET Day Monday 4 January 2027)
Children start back Tuesday 5 January 2027
- Last day: Thursday 25 March 2027
- Half term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027

Summer Term 2027

- First day: Monday 12 April 2027
- Last day: Wednesday 21 July 2027
(INSET Day Wednesday 21 July)
Children end Tuesday 20 July 2027
- Half term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027
(INSET Day Monday 7 June)
Children return from half term Tuesday 8 June 2027

Key Dates (Any new dates will be highlighted)

Date	Time	Event
6 th December		Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair
9 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity (Owls)
10 th December	9.15 Lunchtime	Reception Nativity (Robins) EYFS/KS1 Christmas Lunch (KS2 to bring a packed lunch)
11 th December	9.15 Lunchtime	Year 1 Concert KS2 Christmas Lunch (EYFS/KS1 to bring a packed lunch) Christmas Jumper Day
12 th December	9.15	Year 2 Concert (with orchestra)
16 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
16 th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
18 th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
19 th December	14.00	Break up
5 th January 2026		INSET Day – School closed
6 th January 2026		Spring 1 Term begins for all children
8 th January		Reception Open Morning for entry in 2026
19 th – 23 rd January		Science Week
29 th January	9.00	Coffee Morning for parents/carers of children with SEND, led by Merton's SEND Outreach Worker
10 th February		Safer Internet Day
13 th February		Break up for half term
23 th February		Spring 2 term begins
23 rd – 27 th February 2 nd – 6 th March		3H Swimming
2 nd – 6 th March		Book Week including World Book Day 6 th March
2 nd – 13 th March		Assessment weeks
9 th – 13 th March 16 th – 20 th March		3T Swimming
20 th March	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
23 rd – 27 th March		Year 6 in France
27 th March	14.00	Break up for Easter
13 th April		Summer 1 starts
13 th – 16 th April		Parent/Teacher Meetings
20 th – 24 th April		Art Week
22 nd April		Earth Day

6 th – 8 th May		Year 4 PGL
11 th – 14 th May		Year 6 SATS
21 st May		Cultural Day
22 nd May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
22 nd May		Break up for half term
1 st June		INSET Day – School closed
2 nd June		Summer 2 term begins
2 nd – 5 th June		Sports Week
2 nd – 5 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
15 th – 19 th June		Assessment Week
8 th – 12 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
13 th July		DT Day
17 th July	8.15-9.00	Extended Share My Learning
17 th July	9.30 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
20 th July		INSET Day

Have a wonderful weekend.

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Headteacher